

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A method for collecting and storing information used to enable ~~[[an]]~~ a user to use a biometric system, comprising:
 - receiving, at a pre-enrollment station, a portion of a total enabling data from a user,
 - wherein said total enabling data represents the minimum amount of data needed to enable the user to use a biometric system;
 - sending the portion of the total enabling data ~~presented by the user~~ to a system database;
 - and
 - storing, at said system database, ~~[[as]]~~ in an inactive user record the portion of the total enabling data ~~presented by the user~~.
2. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 - reviewing a stored user record corresponding to the user; and
 - marking the user record active if the user record includes the total enabling data.
3. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the portion of ~~[[a]]~~ the total enabling data ~~presented by the user~~ augments one or more portions of the total enabling data previously stored in said system database.
4. (original) The method of claim 3, wherein an amount of augmenting data a user is allowed to present is limited.
5. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, ~~wherein the user has previously presented a portion of a total enabling data and the user is identified by presenting one or more portions of~~ further comprising:
 - receiving data from the user record; and
 - identifying the user by comparing the stored data with the ~~previously presented~~ portion of the total enabling data.

6. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising offering ~~[[a]]~~ the user one or more incentives for entering at least one portion of the total enabling data not entered previously.

7. (original) The method of claim 6, wherein said offering comprises offering more than one incentive.

8. (currently amended) The method of claim 6, wherein said one or more incentives includes one or more of an item, a service, a gift certificate, a coupon, a discount, and money.

9. (currently amended) The method of claim 6, ~~wherein~~ further comprising rendering said one or more incentives ~~is rendered~~ by one or more of a direct rendering of said incentive, a paper-based promise of said incentive and an electronic-based promise of said incentive.

10. (currently amended) The method of claim 9, ~~wherein said direct rendering said incentives includes an automated~~ 6, further comprising automatically dispensing ~~[[of]]~~ said one or more incentives.

11. (currently amended) The method of claim 9, ~~wherein said direct rendering said incentives includes an automated~~ 6, further comprising sending said one or more incentives via a parcel delivery network.

12. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
displaying, at the pre-enrollment station, one or more portions of the total enabling data stored at said system database;
prompting the user to confirm the displayed data;
receiving confirmation of the displayed data; and
storing the confirmation ~~presented by the user~~ at said system database.

13. (currently amended) The method of claim 12, ~~wherein if at least a portion of the displayed data is incorrect, the user is provided~~ further comprising enabling the user with an opportunity to present the ~~correct~~ corrected data.
14. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising verifying ~~user pre-enrollment~~ the portion of the total enabling data with one or more of a third party or a third party database.
15. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the pre-enrollment station comprises a record output device for outputting one or more system access records, said records being configured as one or more of a printed report, a media output to an electronic device and an email.
16. (currently amended) The method of claim 15, wherein ~~the record output~~ a system access record comprises one or more of data entered during ~~the~~ a system access, data requested for totally enabling a user to use the biometric system, data necessary for enabling the user, a date, and a time.
17. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving verification of one or more portions of the total enabling data from a system operator ~~presenting verification of the portion of the total enabling data.~~
18. (currently amended) The method of claim 17, ~~wherein~~ further comprising offering, via the biometric system, ~~offers~~ said verifier at least one incentive for verifying user information.
19. (currently amended) The method of claim 17, ~~wherein the system operator is identified by presenting~~ further comprising comparing system operator data with data stored in said system database.
20. (currently amended) The method of claim 17, wherein the ~~system operator data presented is~~ verification comprises a biometric sample.

21. (currently amended) The method of claim 17, ~~wherein~~ further comprising storing the system operator data ~~is stored~~ with the stored portion of the total enabling data.
22. (original) The method of claim 17, wherein the system operator is remote from the pre-enrollment station.
23. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the portion of the total enabling data includes one or more biometric records.
24. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said system database is located at the pre-enrollment station.
25. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the user selects said system database wherein the user data is stored from one or more system databases.
26. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising sending an identification number to authenticate a sending device.
27. (original) A method for collecting and storing information used to enable a user to use a biometric system, comprising:
 - retrieving a portion of the enabling user data from a third party database; and
 - storing said data as an inactive system user record at said system database.
28. (currently amended) The method of claim 27, further comprising:
 - determining[[,]] whether said inactive system user record includes the necessary portions of information needed to enable the user to use the biometric system; and
 - if said user record includes the needed enabling information, marking the user record as active.

29. (currently amended) The method of claim 27, further comprising:
determining[[,]] whether one or more parts of said portion of the enabling user data was previously stored as a user record in said system database;
storing, with said user record, the retrieved portion of the enabling user data;
reviewing[[,]] said user record; and
marking[[,]] said user record active if said user record includes the total enabling data.
30. (original) The method of claim 27, wherein the system user presents information pertaining to one or more of an identification of the third party database and retrieval of one or more records.
31. (original) The method of claim 27, wherein the third party database is located at said system database.
32. (currently amended) The method of ~~claims~~ claim 27, wherein the portion of the total enabling data includes one or more biometric records.
33. (currently amended) A method for enabling a user with a partial enrollment record stored in a system database in a biometric system to use the biometric system, comprising:
receiving, at an enrollment enabling station, a portion of the total enrollment data previously stored in a system user record, ~~the portion presented by the user~~;
receiving, at the enrollment enabling station, an enabling portion of the total enrollment data not stored in [[a]] the system user record during a previous system access;
sending[[,]] said portions of the total enrollment data to said system database;
storing, in said system database, the enabling portion of the total enrollment data ~~presented by the user~~ in the ~~existing~~ system user record; and
identifying the system user record as active.
34. (currently amended) The method ~~as in~~ of claim 33, further comprising:
receiving identifying information ~~presented by~~ for a user; and

~~determining the data the user enters to activate a~~ activating the system user record based on a comparison between the identifying information and the total enrollment data for the system user record.

35. (currently amended) The method of claim 33, further comprising prompting a user to select at least one incentive from ~~two or more~~ a plurality of incentives ~~choices~~.

36. (currently amended) The method of claim 35, wherein the plurality of incentives includes one or more of an item, a service, a gift certificate, a coupon, a discount, and money.

37. (currently amended) The method of claim 35, ~~wherein~~ further comprising rendering said at least one incentive is rendered by one or more of a direct rendering of said incentive, a paper-based promise of said incentive and an electronic-based promise of said incentive.

38. (currently amended) The method of claim 35, ~~wherein said direct rendering includes an automated~~ further comprising automatically dispensing ~~[[of]]~~ said at least one incentive.

39. (currently amended) The method of claim 35, ~~wherein said direct rendering includes~~ further comprising sending said at least one incentive via a parcel delivery network.

40. (currently amended) The method of claim 33, wherein the enrollment enabling station includes a record output device for outputting one or more system access records ~~and, wherein~~ each of the records are is configured as one or more of a printed report, a media output to an electronic device and an email.

41. (currently amended) The method of claim 40, wherein the each record ~~output~~ includes one or more of data entered during the system access, the date of the system access, and the time of the system access.

42. (currently amended) The method of claim 33, further comprising:
displaying, at the enrollment enabling station, one or more portions of system user enrollment data stored at said system database;
prompting the system user to confirm the displayed data;
receiving confirmation of the displayed data ~~from the system user~~; and
storing, at said system database, the confirmation ~~presented by the system user~~.
43. (currently amended) The method of claim 42, ~~wherein if at least a portion of the displayed data is incorrect, the system user is provided~~ further comprising enabling the user with an opportunity to present the correct corrected data.
44. (currently amended) The method of claim 33, ~~wherein~~ further comprising receiving verification of one or more portions of the total enrollment data from a system operator ~~presents verification of data the system user presents.~~
45. (currently amended) The method of claim 44, ~~wherein the system offers~~ further comprising offering said system operator one or more incentives for verifying ~~system user~~ said portions of the total enrollment data.
46. (currently amended) The method of claim 44, ~~wherein the system operator is identified by presenting~~ further comprising comparing system operator data with data stored at said system database.
47. (original) The method of claim 44, wherein the system operator is remote from the enrollment enabling station.
48. (currently amended) The method of claim 44, wherein the ~~system operator~~ verification data ~~presented~~ includes the system user ~~presenting~~ a biometric sample received from the system user.

49. (currently amended) The method of claim 44, ~~wherein~~ further comprising storing the system operator data is stored with verification in the system user data record.

50. (original) The method of claim 33, wherein the portion of the total enrollment data comprises one or more biometric records.

51. (original) The method of claim 33, wherein said system database is located at the enrollment enabling station.

52. (currently amended) The method of claim 33, ~~wherein~~ further comprising verifying, by one or more third parties or third party databases, the data stored at said system database is verified by one or more third parties or third party databases.

53. (original) The method of claim 33, further comprising sending an identification number to authenticate a sending device.

54. (currently amended) The method of claim 33, further comprising receiving verification of the enabling portion of the total enrollment data from a system operator ~~presenting verification of the portion of the total enabling data.~~

55. (currently amended) The method of claim 54, ~~wherein the system offers said verifier~~ further comprising offering at least one incentive for verifying system user information.

56. (currently amended) The method of claim 54, ~~wherein~~ further comprising identifying the system operator is identified by presenting comparing system operator data with data stored at said system database.

57. (currently amended) The method of claim 54, wherein the received system operator data ~~presented is~~ comprises a biometric sample.

58. (currently amended) The method of claim 54, ~~wherein~~ further comprising storing the system operator data ~~is stored~~ with the stored portion of the total ~~enabling~~ enrollment data.

59. (original) The method of claim 54, wherein the system operator is remote from the pre-enrollment station.

60. (original) The method of claim 33, wherein said system database includes a plurality of system databases.

61. (currently amended) A method for removing hindrances from the process of enrolling system users to use a biometric system, the method including an atemporal means of collecting a total system user data used to activate ~~the~~ a system user record, the method comprising:

at least one pre-enrollment step, wherein a portion of a total enrollment data used to activate the system user record is stored at said system database;

an enrollment enabling step, wherein an enabling portion of a total enrollment data used to activate the system user record is stored with the at least one ~~previously~~ stored portion of ~~[[a]]~~ the total enrollment data; and

at least one data determination step, wherein the system determines whether a system user record contains the total enrollment data used to activate the system user record.

62. (original) A method for encouraging enrollment in a biometric verification system, comprising:

instructing an enrolling user, during a communication session, to enter one or more items of enrollment information into an enrollment station;

transmitting one or more entered items of enrollment information to a system database;

determining whether the enrollment information received from all previous communication sessions has met all requirements for enrollment; and

alerting the enrolling user that enrollment in the biometric verification system has not been completed if it is determined that all requirements for enrollment have not been met.

63. (original) The method of claim 62, wherein said alerting further comprises offering an incentive to the enrolling user to complete enrollment in the biometric verification system.

64. (original) A method for encouraging enrollment in a biometric verification system, comprising:

instructing a first time enrolling user to enter into an enrollment station a subset of all required enrollment information, said subset of enrollment information including those pieces of enrollment information that are presumed to be available to said first time enrolling user;

rewarding the enrolling user with an incentive upon entry of one or more items of enrollment information; and

transmitting said entered items of enrollment information to a system database.

65. (original) The method of claim 64, further comprising offering a second incentive to the enrolling user for a completed enrollment in the biometric verification system.

66. (original) A method for enrolling a user in a biometric system, comprising:

storing at least a portion of a total enabling data that is acquired from a third party database, said total enabling data representing a minimum amount of data needed to enable a user to use the biometric system;

receiving an item of information that is associated with said user;

retrieving said stored portion of the total enabling data based on said received item of information; and

presenting at least part of said retrieved portion of the total enabling data to said user for confirmation during an enrollment session.

67. (original) The method of claim 66, wherein said storing occurs prior to any enrollment sessions by said system user, and said presenting occurs during a first enrollment session by said user.

68. (original) A method for enrolling a user in a biometric system, comprising:
receiving during an enrollment session, an identification of an external source of
information that includes enrollment information for a user;
retrieving said enrollment information for said user from said external source of
information; and
presenting, during said enrollment session, at least part of said retrieved enrollment
information to said user for confirmation.
69. (original) The method of claim 68, wherein said retrieving occurs during said enrollment
session.